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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.9 million eggs during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.1 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 20, 2021 for the United States were 1.31 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,559	33,306	33,376	33,592	33,636	32,924	97
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	101
Georgia	32,751	33,008	33,872	34,848	34,943	34,124	97
South Carolina....	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,882	5,660	5,718	97
United States	235,729	234,910	234,789	236,675	237,123	231,396	97

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Alabama	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,695	23,515	23,621	95
Florida	1,309	1,320	1,374	1,382	1,305	1,371	107
Georgia	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,873	25,104	26,528	92
South Carolina....	4,890	4,932	5,408	5,202	5,724	5,117	97
United States	188,117	187,759	185,852	186,985	185,723	183,333	96

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Alabama	33,559	33,306	33,376	33,592	33,636	32,924
Arkansas	23,819	24,405	24,429	24,475	24,469	24,118
Delaware	5,668	5,042	4,948	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	32,751	33,008	33,872	34,848	34,943	34,124
Kentucky	8,025	8,003	7,685	8,158	7,783	7,877
Louisiana	3,516	3,562	3,516	3,562	3,562	2,284
Maryland	7,640	7,635	7,473	7,807	7,773	7,777
Mississippi	16,789	17,223	17,804	18,111	17,928	18,054
Missouri	9,149	9,244	9,244	9,210	9,197	9,037
North Carolina	24,361	24,763	23,920	23,943	24,728	24,802
Oklahoma	7,183	7,072	6,944	7,468	7,067	6,595
Pennsylvania	6,153	6,077	5,857	6,179	6,198	5,887
South Carolina	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,882	5,660	5,718
Texas	18,224	17,505	17,904	17,517	17,387	15,261
Virginia	6,505	6,462	6,313	6,300	6,458	6,303
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,039	13,227	13,457	13,249	12,851	13,163
Other States	12,225	11,289	10,966	10,496	11,605	11,594
United States	235,729	234,910	234,789	236,675	237,123	231,396
Percent of previous year	98	99	98	99	99	97

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Alabama	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,695	23,515	23,621
Arkansas	22,087	21,851	22,288	21,564	21,797	21,207
Delaware	4,786	4,397	4,225	4,138	5,113	4,136
Florida	1,309	1,320	1,374	1,382	1,305	1,371
Georgia	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,873	25,104	26,528
Kentucky	6,345	5,740	6,587	5,497	6,628	5,596
Louisiana	3,002	3,015	2,575	2,980	3,018	1,632
Maryland	4,614	4,880	5,673	6,487	5,831	4,576
Mississippi	15,140	15,096	14,465	14,094	14,449	14,769
Missouri	6,763	6,480	5,925	5,352	5,125	6,030
North Carolina	19,311	19,699	19,140	19,853	19,751	19,552
Oklahoma	3,206	3,743	3,587	4,320	4,856	4,383
Pennsylvania	4,628	4,621	4,701	4,640	4,687	4,524
South Carolina	4,890	4,932	5,408	5,202	5,724	5,117
Texas	14,680	14,572	14,321	14,672	13,990	14,125
Virginia	6,116	6,522	5,728	5,781	4,684	5,307
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,522	11,323	10,681	11,621	11,438	11,047
Other States	8,960	8,789	8,885	9,834	8,708	9,812
United States	188,117	187,759	185,852	186,985	185,723	183,333
Percent of previous year	99	98	98	98	98	96

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